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SUBJECT: ANDEAN PACT: INQUIRY ABOUT GSP IN TRADE ACT

REF: LIMA 0845, STATE 282967

1. ANDEAN PACT JUNTA HAS URGENTLY REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF SECTION 502 (A) (3) AND SECTION 503 (B) OF TRA REGARDING TREATMENT OF ASSOCIATIONS OF COUNTRIES AS ONE COUNTRY. TWO QUESTIONS WERE RAISED.

2. DO ALL COUNTRIES IN AN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTRIES, SUCH AS THE ANDEAN GROUP, HAVE TO AGREE TO THEIR DESIGNATION AS ONE COUNTRY FOR TRA PURPOSES, OR IS IT SUFFICIENT FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE GROUP TO REQUEST SUCH DESIGNATION. IF THE LATTER IS TRUE, WOULD SUCH ONE-COUNTRY DESIGNATION APPLY ONLY TO THE SPECIFIC COUNTRIES THAT REQUESTED IT, OR WOULD IT BE IMPOSED ON  
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ALL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP? WHILE PARA 13 OF STATE 282567

TREATS THIS ISSUE GENERALLY, WE DO NOT HAVE SIFFICIENT  
GRASP OF TECHNICAL POINTS TO RESPOND COGENTLY.

3. THE SECOND QUESTION RELATES TO MULTIPLE MEMBERSHIPS IN  
COMMON MARKET GROUPINGS. IF THE ANDEAN GROUP AND THE  
ELEVEN-COUNTRY LATIN AMERICAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION COULD  
EACH BE CONSIDERED ONE COUNTRY FOR TRA PURPOSES, COULD A  
SINGLE ANDEAN COUNTRY HAVE THE BENEFIT OF FORMING PART OF  
TWO COUNTRIES FOR TRA PURPOSES, SINCE IT BELONGS TO BOTH  
COMMON MARKET GROUPINGS?

4. REQUEST REPLY ASAP SINCE THE ANDEAN PACT COMMISSION WILL  
HAVETHE U.S. TRADE ACT ON THE AGENDA OF ITS FEBRUARY 11  
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING IN LIMA (SEE REFTEL).  
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